GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:106
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
PASSING OF SECRET PAPERS
C. SREENIVAASAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Government officials arrested/dismissed for passing on secret and confidential papers to the foreign countries during the last three years and till date, year-wise;

(b) whether decisions regarding their dismissal/termination by the Government Departments/Autonomous Organisations are still pending as the final judgement is awaited;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to enact any new law or propose to amend the Official Secrets Act to dismiss/terminate the services of the accused Government officials without awaiting judgement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.106 DATED 26.11.2002 REGAR PASSING OF SECRET PAPERS.

(a): Twenty-one, sixteen and thirty Central Government officials were arrested during 2000, 2001 and 2002 (till date) respectively for their involvement in espionage activities. Out of these thirteen officials have been dismissed.

(b),(c) and (d): A Central Government official other than defence personnel can be dismissed/removed from service for his involvement in espionage activities under the CCS(CCA) Rules, 1965 even during the pendency of a court case against him for such offence.

In respect of defence personnel, disciplinary proceedings including for dismissal/removal from service are initiated by the defence authorities as per the Acts/Rules applicable to them.